

Part 2 – Remarks

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the office action mailed December 14, 2007. In that office action, all pending claims 1-108 were allowed, prosecution on the merits was closed, and a supplementary declaration from the inventor was requested. In addition, this paper also transfers and surrenders the original US patent 6,366,818.

Continued consideration of the application is requested.

Allowed Claims

A clean version of all allowed claims 1-108 is presented in Part 1. Each of the claims includes a status identifier which indicates that those claims are pending. The form of these claims is presented as of the date of submission of this paper, as required by 37 CFR 1.73. However, the claims of Part 1 are also in the same form and status that existed as of the date of the previous Second Amendment and Response filed on May 16, 2007.

Supplemental Declaration

Attached is a Supplemental Declaration which uses PTO form PTO/SB/51S as a basis for its contents. However, since the office action and MPEP 1414.01 require an identification of the errors which were corrected after the filing of the reissue declaration, a separate Supplemental Declaration has been prepared to also include those necessary statements. The Supplemental Declaration refers to the originally-filed reissue application and the originally-filed reissue declaration, and each amendment and response filed subsequent to the date of the original reissue declaration. The Supplemental Declaration states that the errors corrected by each subsequently-filed amendment and response arose without deceptive intent. It is believed that the attached Supplemental Declaration complies with requirements of the December 14 office action and with the provisions of MPEP 1414.01.

It is presumed that the statement in the December 14 office action requesting the pointing out of differences in the claims must be in relation to the errors which were corrected by the differences in claims as amended in each of the subsequently-filed amendments and responses.

All of the previously filed amendments and responses referred to in the Supplemental Declaration discusses the differences between the then-amended claims and the prior form of the claims, in accordance with PTO procedures. Therefore, the differences between the subsequently amended claims and the claims submitted originally with the reissue application have previously been identified and discussed.

If the Examiner requires further information or action by the Applicant, clarification of the request is requested so that the Applicant can comply.

Original Patent

The originally issued US letters patent 6,366,818 is attached and is hereby surrendered.

Conclusion

For the above reasons and others, it is believed that this reissue application is now in condition to receive a Notice of Allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any issues which may inhibit immediate allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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